

Thursday, September 25, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House agreed to Defense Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9911–S9987

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1219–1222, and S. Res. 126–127 **Page S9969**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. Res. 126, authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 105–87)

S. 363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that violent video programming is limited to broadcast after the hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, unless it is specifically rated on the basis of its violent content so that it is blockable by electronic means specifically on the basis of that content, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–89)

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Measures Passed:

Breast Cancer: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 85, expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in the fight against the disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9986**

Elderly Nutrition Program Anniversary: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the first nutrition program for the elderly under the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9986–87**

Au Pair Program Authority: Senate passed S. 1211, to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs. **Page S9987**

Oklahoma City National Memorial Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial

as a unit of the National Park System, and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9911–14**

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

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Wyden Amendment No. 1250, to establish that it is the standing order of the Senate that a Senator who objects to a motion or matter shall disclose the objection in the Congressional Record. **Page S9914**

Graham/Mack/Kennedy Amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States.

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Mack/Graham/Kennedy Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9961, S9979–80**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

Department of Defense Appropriations—Conference Report: By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 258), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; referred to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
(PM-69).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 259 EX), Katharine Sweeney Hayden, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David W. Wilcox, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stanley Marcus, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-259)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, September 26, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9987.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 7,400 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING—ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for the transit provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 852, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles, after receiving testimony from William L. Brauch, Iowa Department of Justice, Des Moines, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Bernard E. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America; R. B. Dossett, Jr., Dossett Big 4, Tupelo, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Automobile Dealers Association; Peg Echols, State Farm Insurance Companies, Bloomington, Illinois; and Marcia McAllister, Schaumburg, Illinois, on behalf of the American Salvage Pool Association.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal agency energy management provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, after receiving testimony from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations; John Archibald, Acting Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Glenn Skovholt, Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Energy Service Companies; Richard Frost, ICRC Energy Inc., Anchorage, Alaska; Jerry Hathaway, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Chugach Alaska Corporation; and James P. Kovalcik, PNM Energy Partners, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 799, to transfer eighty